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BLM seeks advisory council nominees

ANCHORAGE --- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is calling for nominations to its statewide 15-member advisory council. BLM is seeking qualified individuals to fill positions in the following categories-**commercial recreation/tourism** (1 position), **dispersed recreation** (one position), **elected official** (one position), **Alaska Natives** (one position), **public at large** (one position).

The Alaska Resource Advisory Council provides advice and recommendations to the BLM on land management issues for 86 million acres of public lands in Alaska. Members serve three-year terms and may be reappointed for consecutive terms. Council members serve without salary but are reimbursed travel expenses. The council includes a cross section of Alaskans from around the state representing energy, tourism and commercial recreation interests; environmental, archeological and historic interests; and elected officials, Alaska Native organizations and the general public.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees should have appropriate background and experience to give informed, objective advice on a broad array of public lands issues, and a demonstrated commitment to collaboration in seeking solutions to those issues. All nominees must be Alaska residents.

Call the BLM at 271-3335 to request a nomination packet or visit www.ak.blm.gov. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from the interests or organizations to be represented. **Nominations will be accepted until March 24, 2006.** Final selection will be made by the Secretary of Interior. Appointments become effective October 1, 2006.

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